Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There was some report about it in the press about four or six dys back to any that the Government of India are contemplating to take action about the control on the import of rice. I do not know how far it has materialised.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—If the proposal materialises may I know whether it will have its repercussions in Cochin?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes, certainly it will have. Any control on the question of imports will have always its effects on Cochin.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In that case does our Government think of taking anyaction in the matter?

Rama Varma Tampuran.—I have answered it many times.

Mr. A. R. Raman—appointment as Probationary Revenue Inspector.

337. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) when was Mr. A. R. Raman appointed as Probationary Revenue Inspector;

(b) are not Government aware of a certificate given to Mr. Raman by Mr. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar recording the fact that Mr. Raman was specially selected as Revenue Probationer with the intention of subsequently appointing him as a Tahsildar and also with the aim of thereby encouraging the Ezhuva community of the State and that Mr. Raman had justified the selection by diligence and earnestness in his work and that he possessed an excellent character and was thoroughly well behaved;

(c) are not Government aware of the fact that the Madras Government appoint Revenue Probationers straightway as Tahsildars or Deputy Tahsildars soon after the expiration of the period of their probation?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) From 1st Meenam 1102 M. E.

(b) Government have perused copy of such a certificate submitted by Mr. Raman along with his petitions and said to have been given by Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar in January 1931.

(c) Government have no definite information about the practice referred to.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—With reference to (b) have not the Government seen the certificate of Mr. Raman?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A copy was forwarded to us and Government have perused it.

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Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—Whether the Diwan Peishkar is entitled to give a certificate recommending to promote him to another post?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Whether he is entitled to give a certificate I must look more into the matter.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Was there after all a certificate to that effect?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I think there were some such statements in the certificate.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether there are cases or exceptional cases where the Government have held out hopes of higher appointments and persons are doomed?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I cannot answer now.

Grazing Ground in Narakkal.

338. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) is there any grazing ground in any of the villages of the Narakkal constituency;

(b) if so, where and the extent of the ground;

(c) have the Government any idea to provide grazing grounds for cattle in the said villages?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) None at present.

(b) The question does not arise in view of answer to (a).

(c) No idea at present. The question will be considered after the accretion survey is completed.

Deputy Tahsildar—appointment of.

339. Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Will the Government be pleased to state—

(a) is there any objection to appoint a non-Hindu or a non-caste Hindu as Deputy Tahsildar of Cranganur;

(b) was not a Christian recently appointed as Deputy Tahsildar of Cranganur and ordered to work as Tahsildar of another Taluk;

(c) was this paper arrangement made to avoid any difficulties for the Christian officer to work at Cranganur?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what the particular difficulty is?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—There are two difficulties. He has got a general sort of supervision over the Cranganur Palace necessitating frequent going to the Palace and seeing the Chief often. His another side of activity is under the Deavswam

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